



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : S. NAKATA et al
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and appropriate fee also accompany this response.

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